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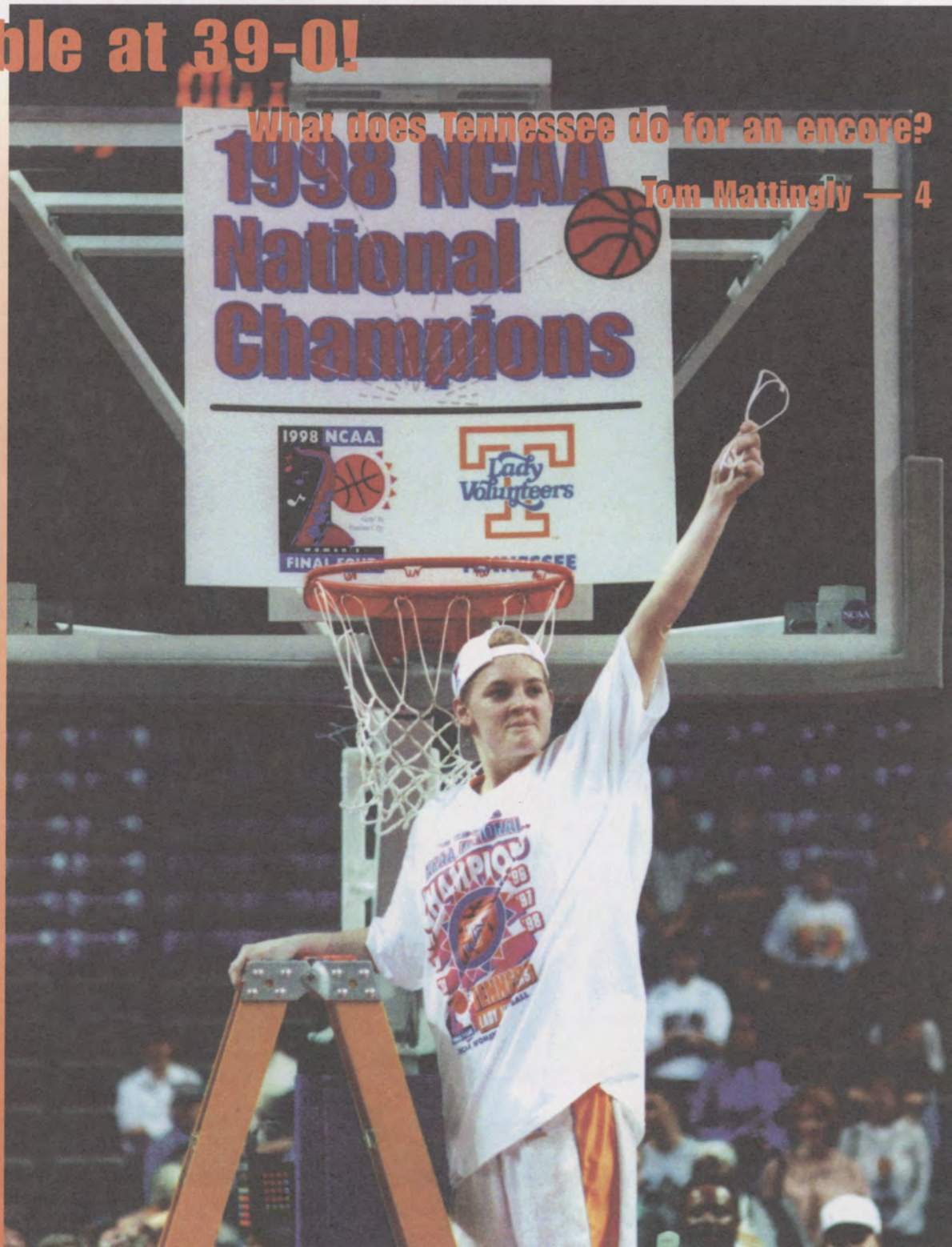

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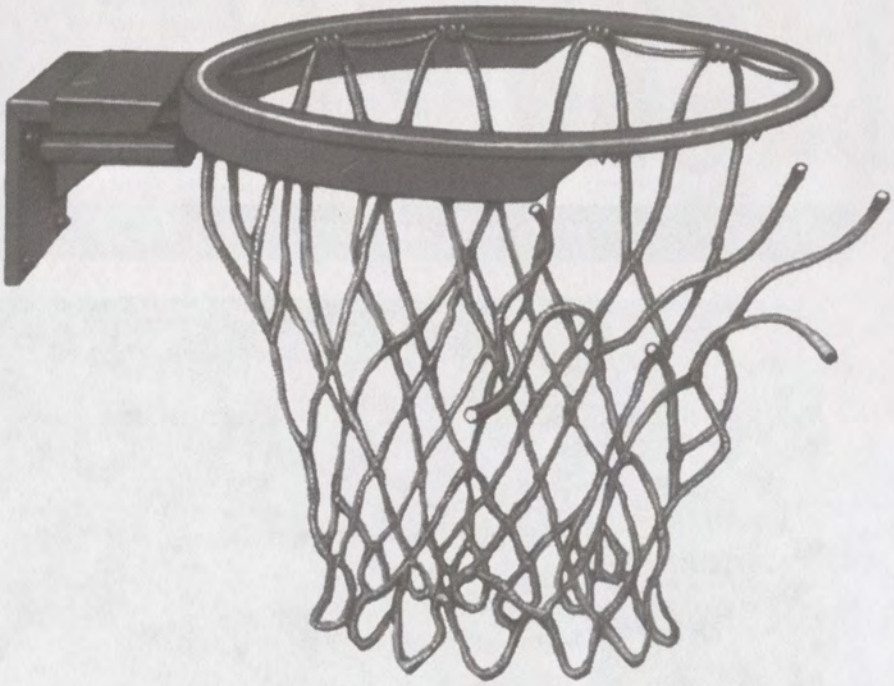

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From the Editor

When the Lady Vols trailed North Carolina by 12 late in the Regional Finals, there were worried looks all across Big Orange Country, not to mention the good folks at Broadway Books in New York.

After all, they had a book in print and you don't want a book like this coming out after a disappointing loss. Not when you're the favorite to win it all, right?

As we all know, the Lady Vols rallied for the win, eventually won the national championship and the book Reach for the Summit (Summitt?) is a hot commodity across the state and wherever else bookstores might have it.

This is more than your average sports book. It is a book about sports, but it's also about motivation and achievement. You get a clue about this book from the frontispiece. "I'm someone who will push you beyond all reasonable limits," she writes. "Someone who will ask you not just fulfill your potential but to exceed it. Someone who will expect more from you than you may believe you are capable of. So if you aren't ready to go to work, shut this book."

Don't shut this book.

Head coach. Olympian. Motivational speaker. Wife and mother. Champion. Seeing Pat Summitt today, no one could guess she was once a girl who missed her 16th birthday party because she was on a tractor, bringing hay bales in out of the rain. It's really an incredible story and one which proves that anyone can transform themselves through ambition.

Interspersed the book are Pat's "Definite Dozen System,"as she guides the reader through her personal or career successes, not to mention many painful failures.

Here's a look at the path to success via the "Definite Dozen:"

Check out Pat Summitt's new book for the "Definite Dozen."

1. Respect yourself and others
2. Take Full Responsibility
3. Develop and Demonstrate Loyalty
4. Learn To Be a Great Communicator
5. Discipline Yourself So No One Has To
6. Make hard Work Your Passion
7. Don't Just Work hard, Work Smart
8. Put the Team Before Yourself
9. Make Winning an Attitude
10. Be a Competitor
11. Change Is a Must
12. Handle Success Like You Handle Failure.

If you enjoy, Lady Vol basketball, you'll enjoy this book

As the text states, learning these straightforward principles isn't difficult, but living them is a constant challenge. She tells about recruiting trips, lost championships, showdowns with players, and how she balances career with family. There are a number of fascinating anecdotes about Tyler Summitt that add a unique flavor to the overall story.

— Tom Mattingly

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A look at the Lady Vols...

Pat Summitt...Conversation with the Coach!

(***Editor's Note:*** *In the aftermath of the Lady Vols third straight national championship, sixth overall, Volunteers Magazine's Tom Mattingly met with Coach Summitt to discuss the season most recently completed, Coach Summitt's new book, and the HBO special on the 1996-97 Lady Vols. "Met with" is not exactly accurate, since the interview took place over the telephone as Coach Summitt sped down I-40 toward Nashville. It was a busy time and our attention turned first to the 93-75 championship game win over Louisiana Tech and whether it was harder to win the national championship as an underdog role or as a favorite.*)

Coach Summitt shows off some of the other hardware that Tennessee carted off with while in Kansas, as Coach Summitt holds the AP Women's Coach of the Year award, while Chamique Holdsclaw holds the AP Women's Player of the Year trophy.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Is it easier to win a championship when you're the underdog or when you're the favored team?

COACH SUMMITT: In most cases, I would have told you clearly it's tougher to win when you're supposed to. But with this team, I never felt that this team played not to lose, I always felt they played to win. I have never coached a team quite like this one in terms of going into March. We were undefeated and we hadn't been in that position. We have been ranked No. 1 and been the team that was predicted to win. I've just never had a team handle it like this one did.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: How did they handle everything they faced?

COACH SUMMITT: I really believe it was the personality of this group. You have some many competitors including Chamique Holdsclaw, Semeka Randall, Kellie Jolly, Tamika Catchings and Ace Clement. The only time I felt we were tight and didn't respond was in the Regional finals, which I've always said is the hardest of the six games. In that game, it came more from Chamique and Kellie.

I think they felt a lot of responsibility and pressure for our team to get there. They didn't shoot well and when you don't shoot well then you sometimes start to question what's going wrong and ask if anything is going to go right. In the end, they played to win that game.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What did you do to get the fast start in the championship game?

COACH SUMMITT: They were ready. I thought the assistants did just a splendid job of preparing them. They did it. I think when you prepare like that, from our tapes to our chalk talk, I think they had a lot of confidence. They believed they were the better team and that they should win that game. I knew when I talked to the team before the game they were clearly ready to play. I told them I've been to 15 of these final games including the AIAW and I've never gone into a championship game so confident. I said I think you're going to have a lot of fun tonight. You could feel it in the room.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What were your thoughts about playing four freshmen, albeit four talented freshmen, significant minutes every time out? Did that concern you?

COACH SUMMITT: No. From the beginning, these freshmen were clearly different. You take the Louisiana Tech game in November when we were down by eight. We made that run with the four freshmen and Kyra Elzy. I knew from that time on they were not your typical freshmen and I didn't treat them like freshmen.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What were your thoughts when you were down 12 late in the game against North Carolina?

COACH SUMMITT: I never thought we were going to lose that game. The thing I did think and the only pressure I felt was I thought we had the best team in America and I knew we had been the best team all along.

My concern was that they might have an off-night and someone would just come out on fire like North Carolina did and we might not be able to over come it. I thought it would be an absolute shame for Tennessee not to be in the Final Four because that team deserved to be there.

My message to them was we have to do this. It has to start with our defense. We're running out of

time and we have to step it up here. I really think Semeka Randall did a great job at that time of getting our team emotionally ready.

She and Ace Clement were probably the two emotional leaders during that run that had an impact on our team. I know Randall looked at Holdsclaw and told her she better step up her game. Right now. She said you've been saying you're going to do it all game. Now do it. That's your freshman talking to the best player in America.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Did the things happening off the court, like the HBO special and your book actually turn out to be positives?

COACH SUMMITT: Oh yes. I think this team handled it as well as any team could have handled it. They did what they had to do. They signed their autographs. They met with the media requests. They understood that we're still promoting not only our program but the women's game as well. They stepped over the line and it was all business. Many times they would say let's go take care of business.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: How would you assess the impact of your book?

"I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR FANS. I MADE THE COMMENT IN NASHVILLE THAT OUR FANS WERE WORTH 10 POINTS. I THINK OUR FANS FOR OUR HOME GAMES WERE ABOUT MORE THAN POINTS. IT WAS A STATEMENT FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.

I THINK OUR FANS GENERATED A LOT OF TALK ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT WAS GREAT FOR OUR BASKETBALL TEAM, OUR PROGRAM AND OUR UNIVERSITY. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT AN IMPACT IT'S HAD ON OUR EFFORTS IN RECRUITING. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHY THIS FRESHMAN CLASS CAME HERE, ON A VERY SHORT LIST I CAN TELL YOU FAN SUPPORT WAS ON THAT LIST."

—COACH PAT SUMMITT

Coach Pat Summitt speaks to over 5000 fans that turned out to greet the Lady Vols on their return from Kansas. Behind Coach Summitt sets the three Sears Waterford Krystal Championship Trophies, all belonging to Tennessee.

COACH SUMMITT: It's a little early to tell. I hope the book will give an inside look like the HBO special did. The HBO special was a year in the life of our program. The book is 23 years in the life of our program.

I think people will understand more about athletics and more about how to build a successful program or corporation. It's working with people. It's getting the right people in the right places.

I hope it will be a successful book not only in the basketball community but in corporate America and personal lives as well. There's a lot of real life stories I hope will be meaningful for other people.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: What would you like to say to the fans?

COACH SUMMITT: I'd like to thank our fans. I made the comment in Nashville that our fans were worth 10 points. I think our fans for our home games were about more than points. It was a statement for women's basketball.

I think our fans generated a lot of talk across the country. It was great for our basketball team, our program and our University. I can't tell you what an impact it's had on our efforts in recruiting. When you think about why this freshman class came here, on a very short list I can tell you fan support was on that list.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Was it strange to see so much Orange in Memorial Gym

COACH SUMMITT: I got chills when I walked out on the floor at Vanderbilt. It was like a home game. It was all Orange. Our team was inspired by that show of support. There's no question about that. It was incredible. I think the national media had to see first-hand the support our program and this team has. A lot of new fans came on board this year because of the make up of this team and the style of play.

(**POSTSCRIPT**: We closed with what we thought was an appropriate question. "What," we asked, is the challenge, the rallying cry for next year.

"What do you for an encore?"

Her answer was succinct: "We go for number four. That would be a great encore, wouldn't it?"

Lady Vols Hoops...
THE 1997-98 SEASON BY THE NUMBERS!

With NCAA Championship Trophy No. 6 in the trophy case, Pat Summitt has left little doubt that she is indeed one of the best basketball coaches ever at the collegiate level. The 1997-98 season began with the Lady Vols hoisting championship banner No. 5 against Louisiana Tech, and saw them end it by earning the right to raise No. 6, by defeating the very same Techster squad in the championship game, at the beginning of the 1998-99 season. Here's a look back at a few highlights by the numbers of the season.

0 - The number of losses for the Lady Vols this season.

1- The number of basketball courts Pat Summit has named after her. Summitt's alma mater, Tennessee-Martin, renamed its basketball court after her earlier this season... The number of players Tennessee loses to graduation (Laurie Milligan).

2 - Chamique Holdsclaw became the second player in the Lady Vol history to top the 2000 point mark. She finished the season with 2301 points which ranks second to Bridgette Gordon's (1986-89) 2450 points... The number of Kodak All-Americas the Lady Vols had this season. Holdsclaw and Tamika Catchings were chosen to team.

3 - The number of Waterford Crystal Basketball trophies sitting on display in the Lady Vols Basketball office... The number of Kodak All-America honors that Holdsclaw has earned in three years at Tennessee... The number of players Tennessee placed on the 1998 All-Final Four Team. Kellie Jolly joined Holdsclaw and Catchings on the team.

4 - The number of consecutive championships the Lady Vols will be aiming for next year... The number of Final Four appearances that Laurie Milligan has a part of, which is the most by any individual male or female.

5 - Five times Lady Vols have been named MVP of the Final Four. Holdsclaw picked up the award in both 1997 and 1998. Michelle Marciniak in 1996, Bridgette Gordon in 1989 and Tonya Edwards in 1987 were all Final Four MVPs.

The Lady Vols enjoy the limelight as fans greeted their return to Knoxville after claiming an unprecedented three straight NCAA crowns, their sixth since 1987.

6- The number of NCAA Championship banners that will hang in Thompson-Boling Arena next season.

7 - The number of regular season SEC Championships the Lady Vols have now won.

8 - The number of SEC Tournament Championships the Lady Vols have now won.

10 - If the Lady Vols win their first 10 games next season, they break the record for most consecutive wins. Louisiana Tech won 54 straight games between 1980-82.

11 - The Lady Vols have participated in 11 Final Fours.

14 - The Lady Vols have earned 14 trips to the NCAA Regional finals in 17 NCAA tournament s since 1982.

15 - Catchings became the 15th Lady Vol to earn Kodak All-America honors this season. All told, the Lady Vols have garnered 23 Kodak All-America honors from those 15 players.

17- The number of NCAA Tournaments the Lady Vols have played.

18 - The number of points Tennessee defeated Louisiana Tech. The 93-75 score ties for the largest winning margin in NCAA Championship game.

24 - The number of years Summit has walked the sidelines for the Lady Vols.

39 - The number of wins for the Lady Vols this season, an NCAA record for wins in a season, male or female.

45 - The number of consecutive wins the Lady Vols have.

53 - The number of years that the Lady Vols have been playing basketball.

55- The NCAA Final Four record for points in the half the Lady Vols established in the championship game against Louisiana Tech.

72 - Tennessee has played in more NCAA Tournament games than any other women's team.

79 - Tennessee defeated DePaul 125-46, a margin of 79 points.

93 - A school record for blocked shots in a season set by Teresa Geter, eclipsing the 78 held by Sheila Frost.

100 - The graduation rate of Lady Vols that complete their eligibility.

166 - Most free throws made by a player in a season by Holdsclaw, eclipsing the mark of 147 of Dana Johnson in the 1994-95 season. Catchings (165) and Randall (155) also surpassed the previous record.

217 - Number of free throws attempted by both Holdsclaw and Catchings, a mark held by Daedra Charles (207) in the 1990-91 season.

757 - The number of wins Tennessee's women's basketball team has, which is the most by any team in the nation.

1903 - The year women's basketball was first played at Tennessee.

3464 - most points scored in a season by the Lady Vols, surpassing the mark of 3161 set in 1978-79.

Awards and Honors

Coach Summitt raked in the Naismith Coach of the Year, Women's Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, *The Sporting News* Coach of the Year, and the Associated Press Coach of the Year awards this season. Holdsclaw was named the Naismith Player of the Year, AP Player of the Year, *The Sporting News* Player of the Year, Rawlings/WBCA Player of the Year and to the Kodak All-American team.

Tamika Catchings also raked in the awards with the SEC Rookie of the Year, *The Sporting News* Rookie of the Year, and First Team All-SEC.

Both Coach Summit and Holdsclaw have also appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated this season. Coach Summitt was on the March 2nd issue, while Holdsclaw's cover issue was released on March 31st. It should also be noted that Coach Pat Summitt becomes the first head coach of a women's program to earn the cover of Sports Illustrated.

—Rob Hardin

1997-98 Lady Vol Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record
Nov. 9	US Armed Forces	W	111-54	Exhibition
Nov. 18	**Mississippi (FOX SS)**	**W**	**92-54**	**1-0 (1-0)**
Nov. 21	**Louisiana Tech**	**W**	**75-61**	**2-0**
Nov. 23	Tennessee-Martin	W	73-32	3-0
Nov. 25	Vermont	W	92-52	4-0
Nov. 29	Stanford (FOX)	W	88-70	5-0
Nov. 30	Portland	W	74-51	6-0
Dec. 3	**Texas (FOX SS)**	**W**	**98-64**	**7-0**
	Big Apple Classic - Riverdale, NY			
Dec. 6	George Mason	W	93-61	8-0
Dec. 7	Manhattan	W	78-28	9-0
	SEC/BIG 10 Challenge (ESPN) - Knoxville			
Dec. 12	**Illinois**	**W**	**78-68**	**10-0**
	Northern Lights Invitational (espn2) - Anchorage, AK			
Dec. 18	Akron	W	98-63	11-0
Dec. 19	Texas A&M	W	105-81	12-0
Dec. 20	Wisconsin	W	87-66	13-0
Jan. 1	**Arkansas**	**W**	**88-58**	**14-0 (2-0)**
Jan. 3	**Connecticut(CBS)**	**W**	**84-69**	**15-0**
Jan. 6	**South Carolina**	**W**	**94-52**	**16-0 (3-0)**
Jan. 10	**Florida**	**W**	**99-60**	**17-0 (3-0)**
Jan. 14	Georgia	W	96-71	18-0 (4-0)
Jan. 18	Kentucky	W	93-65	19-0(5-0)
Jan. 20	DePaul	W	125-46	20-0
Jan. 25	**Vanderbilt (FOX SS)**	**W**	**86-54**	**21-0 (7-0)**
Jan. 28	**Georgia**	**W**	**102-43**	**22-0 (8-0)**
Feb. 1	**Alabama**	**W**	**73-66**	**23-0 (9-0)**
Feb. 4	Mississippi	W	91-45	24-0 (10-0)
Feb. 7	**Old Dominion (ESPN)**	**W**	**85-61**	**25-0**
Feb. 9	Mississippi State	W	74-52	26-0 (11-0)
Feb. 12	Memphis	W	91-65	27-0
Feb. 14	**Auburn**	**W**	**79-63**	**28-0 (12-0)**
Feb. 16	Vanderbilt (ESPN)	W	91-60	29-0 (13-0)
Feb. 22	**Louisiana State**	**W**	**90-58**	**30-0 (14-0)**
	SEC Tournament - Columbus, GA			
Feb. 27	Mississippi St.	W	88-60	31-0
Feb. 28	Vanderbilt (Fox SS)	W	106-45	32-0
Mar. 1	Alabama (espn2)	W	67-63	33-0
	NCAA 1st & 2nd Rds - Knoxville			
Mar. 14	**Liberty**	**W**	**102-58**	**34-0**
Mar. 16	**W. Kentucky (ESPN)**	**W**	**82-62**	**35-0**
	NCAA Mideast Regionals - - Nashville			
Mar. 21	Rutgers (espn2)	W	92-60	37-0
Mar. 22	North Carolina (ESPN)	W	76-70	38-0
	NCAA Final Four (ESPN) - Kansas City, MO			
Mar. 27	Arkansas	W	86-58	38-0
Mar. 29	Louisiana Tech	W	93-75	39-0

***Home Games**

Lady Vol Basketball Final Statistics

Player	FG/FGA	FG%	3FG/3FGA	3FG%	FT/FTA	FT%	PTS/AVG	ORB	DRB	TOT/AVG	AST	BLK	STL
Holdsclaw	370/678	.546	9/41	.220	166/217	.765	915/23.5	133	195	328/8.4	117	36	110
Catchings	253/471	.537	40/110	.364	165/217	.760	711/18.2	124	189	313/8.0	92	61	100
Randall	224/460	.487	1/11	.091	155/213	.728	604/15.9	108	92	200/5.3	50	5	102
Elzy	60/147	.408	0/2	.000	48/70	.686	168/7.0	56	41	97/4.2	37	13	35
Jolly	100/216	.463	36/86	.419	59/70	.843	295/7.6	21	67	88/2.3	148	6	72
Geter	98/179	.547	0/0	.000	48/77	.623	244/6.3	74	112	186/4.8	31	93	46
Clement	59/140	.421	11/36.	.306	56/87	.644	185/5.6	19	55	74/2.2	107	5	49
Stephens	60/195	.308	0/1	.000	37/63	.587	157/4.0	60	71	131/3.4	6	14	22
Milligan	6/14	.429	2/7	.286	4/7	.571	18/2.0	1	3	4/0.4	6	0	4
Greene	24/83	.289	7/51	.137	12/14	.857	67/2.0	11	29	40/1.2	12	2	10
Butts	22/53	.415	0/0	.000	16/35	.457	60/1.8	15	21	36/1.1	11	1	11
Laxton	12/43	.279	0/0	.000	16/40	.400	40/1.2	27	36	63/1.9	7	2	6
TOTALS	1288/2679	.481	106/345	.307	782/1110	.705	3464/88.8	649	911	1728/44.3	624	238	567
Opponent	852/2309	.369	132/477	.277	454/656	.692	2290/58.7	579	824	1403/36.0	428	113	273

Coach Fulmer...

First Full Spring Scrimmage!

I felt we got out of the scrimmage what we came to do. That was create some more toughness in our team and test those young running backs. I thought they responded pretty well. We challenged the line to create a little more personality of toughness. As the scrimmage went on, it got better and better. Overall, I was generally pleased, but there are a million things to work on. We have some young running backs who are trying hard. Travis Stephens, Travis Henry and Dominique Stevenson all showed signs of being good, tough backs. They got more comfortable making plays as the scrimmage went along. David Martin can be a very good player at wide receiver. He can beat you deep and make the tough catch. It was a good scrimmage for him. Tee Martin threw some good balls downfield, but we came into today's practice trying to run the ball. We are really limited on defense after the first group because of injuries and the depth situation.

—Phillip Fulmer

First Full Scrimmage of Spring Practice

Tennessee held its first full-scale scrimmage of the spring today at Neyland Stadium in weather more like early November than early April. Rookie running back Dominique Stevenson led the way with nine carries for 79 yards, while Travis Stephens had 19 carries for 60 yards and Travis Henry added 11 carries for 32 yards. Stephens had a rushing TD, an extra-effort run from a yard out on which the sophomore tailback hit the pile, bounced off and outlegged everybody to the left corner. Jamal Lewis had a 38-yard run in limited action.

Tee Martin completed seven of 11 passes for 109 yards and one score, a nine-yard pass to sophomore wide-out David Martin in the left corner. The two Martins also hooked up on a 44-yard toss down the right boundary. David Martin caught five passes for 89 yards.

Defensively, the Vols were led in tackles by Chris Ramseur who was in on eight hits. Tim Sewell was in on six hits. Austin Kemp, Mikki Allen and Steve Johnson were in on four hits each. Steve Johnson also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown. Justin Satterfield had a sack (-7) as did Eric Westmoreland (-6), Matt Goodin (-10), Corey Terry (-4) and Russell McGlothlin (-5). DeAngelo Lloyd knocked down a pass. Fred White caused and recovered a fumble on the same play and Derrick Edmonds recovered a fumble.

Jeff Hall kicked five field goals in as many attempts, with a long of 35, and Robert Loudermilk hit three of four fielders, also with a long of 35. David Leaverton punted five times for a 38.9 yard average.

Starting offensively were Jarvis Reado, Mercedes Hamilton, Diron Robinson, Josh Tucker, and Cosey Coleman up front. The tight end was Eric Diogu. Wide receivers were Peerless Price and Eric Parker. Running backs were Lewis and Shawn Bryson. Tee Martin was at quarterback. Defensively, it was Corey Terry, Darwin Walker, Fred Weary and Roger Alexander up front. Linebackers were Westmoreland, Al Wilson and Raynoch Thompson. In the secondary were Steve Johnson and Andre Lott at the corners, with Deon Grant and Fred White at the safeties.

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> ***—Phillip Fulmer***

STATISTICS

RUSHING

(Atts./Yards/TD/Long): Henry 11/32/0/11; Stephens 19/60/1/21; Stevenson 9/79/0/23; Parker 1/9/0/9; Lewis 6/40/0/38.

PASSING

(Atts./Comp./Yards/TD/Long): T. Martin 11/7/109/1/44; Veazey 1/1/3/0/3; Mathews 4/3/25/0/11.

RECEIVING

(Rec./Yards/TD/Long): D. Martin 5/89/1/44; Parker 1/8/0/8; Taylor 2/11/0/8; Copeland 2/23/0/12; Biggers 1/6/0/6.

Congratulations, Pat Summitt!

She's led the Lady Vols to an unprecedented, undefeated 39-0 season. She's won her sixth national title—the third in a row! Now master motivator Pat Summitt shares her straight-shooting techniques for making your way to the very top. Packed with strategies for overcoming every kind of hurdle, including Pat's own "Definite Dozen System," Reach for the Summit can help anyone achieve in the most important game of all—life.

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... Champs, Again!

The Lady Vol basketballers are everybody's darlings these days, and well they should be. They've won three straight NCAA championships and in the season just past they stormed through 39 games without a single loss.

It hasn't always been that way.

Women's basketball at The University of Tennessee has been around for a long time, longer even than its male counterpart. The first game on record took place on March 13, 1903, and it was not exactly a memorable debut. The UT women lost to Maryville College, 10 to 1. The two teams met a few weeks later, on April 6, and although UT made it a little more respectable the second time around the Lady Scots won again, 16-6. Thus the inaugural season wound up 0-2 for the future queens of college basketball.

In those early years the UT women most likely played their home games at the old YMCA gym that was located on the old campus, better known as The Hill, just across the drive from where Ayres Hall now sits. When the UT men launched their varsity program six years later, students and other interested parties were treated to a doubleheader, and here again the girls beat the boys to the punch. On the night of Dec. 16, 1909, the women's team lost a preliminary game to Central High School, 21-1, before the men scored an opening night victory over Kentucky Central (later Centre College), 33-31.

The distaff game was a sometime thing in its early years at UT. After 1910, for instance, there was not another women's varsity team fielded until 1920. And then there was a 45-year lapse from 1926 to 1969, at which point it could be said that the modern era began.

There were of course no scholarships available to the young women who played for those early teams. There was no women's athletic department at the time, and whatever support the school provided must have been quite limited. The UT teams of those days didn't have to cross many rivers to get their opponents' home floor. Teams such as Maryville, Chattanooga, Carson-Newman, East Tennessee State and Cumberland, Ky., filled out the schedules.

From 1960 through `68 a UT women's team coached by Nancy Lay played as a club team rather than a varsity team, and the results of those games did not go into the official record book. But in the season of 1968-69 the school once again fielded a varsity team and a young graduate of LSU, Joan Cronan, was named head coach.

Cronan, now the women's athletic director, led her teams to a three season record of 14-16 before leaving for the AD job at the College of Charleston. She was succeeded by Margaret hudson, and it may come as a surprise to some readers to learn that it was Hudson who first put Tennessee on track to women's college basketball glory. After records of 16-5 and 13-5 in her first two seasons, Hudson guided the 1973-74 team to a 25-2 record and a spot in the finals of the AIAW regional championships.

As recently as the early 1970s, the team was still not known as the Lady Vols. I recall doing a column about Coach Hudson's teams, then known as the "Vol-ettes." I asked her if that was a proper nickname.

"It's as good as any, I guess," she said.

And just to show you how hard it was for writers to please everyone, after I had written the pieces and referred to them as the Vol-ettes, I received a blistering letter from a female reader accusing me of male chauvinism for using such a degrading term.

Despite Hudson's success, there was still very little support for the program, and the UT coaching job wasn't really all that much of a plum when young UT-Martin grad Pat Summitt took over as head coach for the 1974-75 season. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Former Vol

Mike DeFelice (1989-91)

Mike DeFelice spent three years with the Diamond Vols, befoer graduating in 1991.

DeFelice led the Vols in batting his senior season (1991), batting .353. He earned 2nd team All-SEC honors in 1990, and earned SEC Player of the Week honors on March 20.

DeFelice's major league debut came in 1996 when he appeared in four games with the St. Louis Cardinals. Prior to his debut, DeFelice spent six seasons primarily as a backup catcher in the minors. In 1997 he played in 93 games batting .238 in 260 at-bats.

DeFelice was picked up in the Supplimental Draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the first round, where DeFelice was expected to be their No. 2 catcher for the 1998 season. As a member of the Cardinals in 1997, DeFelice threw out 33 percent of basestealers.

Former Vol DeFilice (left) shown here with another former Vol Todd Helton, has made a career in Major League Baseball where he now plays for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

VOL LINKSTERS 15TH AT ALABAMA INVITATIONAL

Tennessee finished the Alabama Spring Invitational with their best round of the tournament, on March 22, a 296, to finish 15th.

The Vol linksters finished with rounds of 302-309-296--907 at the par 72, 6,773-yard Lagoon Park Golf Course in Montgomery, Ala.

Team scores were high as champion Georgia finished six-over par. The Bulldogs took the championship with rounds of 287-294-289--870. Florida State earned runner-up honors four strokes behind with an 874.

Individually, it was easy to understand why Georgia took the title. Jeremy Parrott of georgia took medalist honors with a 69-72-71--212, four-under par. Ryuji Imada of Georgia placed second with a total 213.

All five Vols managed to cut strokes off of their second round scores during the final round.

Freshman Phanthep Somsamart rallied for the Vols with a final round of 72. Somsamart finished tied for 33rd with rounds of 76-76-72--224, eight-over par. Sophomore Derrick Centers followed with a 226 to tie for 41st. Junior Kevin Law finished with a 229 to place tied for 59th position. Freshman Matt McWilliams fired a 231 to finish tied for 66th. Freshman Andy Brimer wrapped up the Vols scoring with a 232 to place tied for 73rd.

Tennessee began the tournament shooting a first-round 302, 14-over par, to land in 11th place after day one. Only two teams slipped in below par as 10 squads finished with first round scores of 300 or worse.

Florida State set the pace for the day with a 285, three-under par. Georgia was close behind with a 287.

Law lead the Vol contingent with a 73, one-over par. The Hixson native was tied for 14th after the first day. McWilliams and Somsamart were tied for 43rd after their first round scores of 76. Centers was in 60th position with a round of 77.

Day two saw the Vols lose some ground as they fired a round of 309 to fall to 16th. After two days the Bulldogs held a one stroke lead over the Seminoles (581-582).

The best the Vols could muster was a 48th place for three Vols. Centers (75), Law (79) and Somsamart (76) all stood at 152 after two rounds. McWilliams followed with a round of 80, a two day total of 156, good enough for 70th. Brimer was tied for 78th after a day two total of 79 (157).

But it was the Vols resurgence on the final day to improve their position as four of the five Vols competing had their best rounds of the tournament.

TENNIS SQUAD SPLITS AT HOME

The Tennessee tennis team split matches against Arkansas and Mississippi State.

Against the Razorbacks, the Vols had to rally to edge No. 29 Arkansas 4-3 at the UT Indoor Tennis Center. The Vols came back from a 3-1 deficit to win three consecutive matches and escape defeat.

Arkansas claimed the doubles point, however, the Vols did manage to salvage a win at No. 1 doubles.

The Razorbacks opened up singles action by winning at No. 1 as Mark Fitzpatrick 6-2,6-0. At No. 4 singles, Paul Podberry scored UT's first win with a 6-3, 7-6(6) win. Mark Parsons lost 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-2 at No. 3 putting the Razorbacks up 3-1.

The Vols responded by winning the next three matches as Mark Way won 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 and Chad Copenhaver won 7-6(3), 6-4. The Vols clinched the match as Juan Gamboa won 6-2,6-1 to give Tennessee the win.

The following day the Vols played host to the Bulldogs of Mississippi St.

The Vols started off better capturing the doubles point. But from there it was all Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs captured five of six singles matches to win 5-2 in Tennessee's first outdoor home match of the season.

Tennessee's lone win in singles came at No. 4 as Paul Podberry 7-6(5), 6-4.

Tennessee's other wins came in doubles action as Copenhaver and Mark Way won 8-6, while Gamboa and Podbury won 9-7.

The Vols are currently ranked 15th by Rolex Collegiate Rankings, put together by the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association).

DIAMOND VOLS LOSE TWO IN ATHENS

The Tennessee baseball team is trying to make up a three and a half game deficit and got a little help as they took two out of three against Georgia in Athens, Ga.

The Vols lost two out of three last to Florida at home, but rebounded well to take two straight games at Lindsey Nelson Stadium (Tennessee Wesleyan 20-0 and ETSU 9-5).

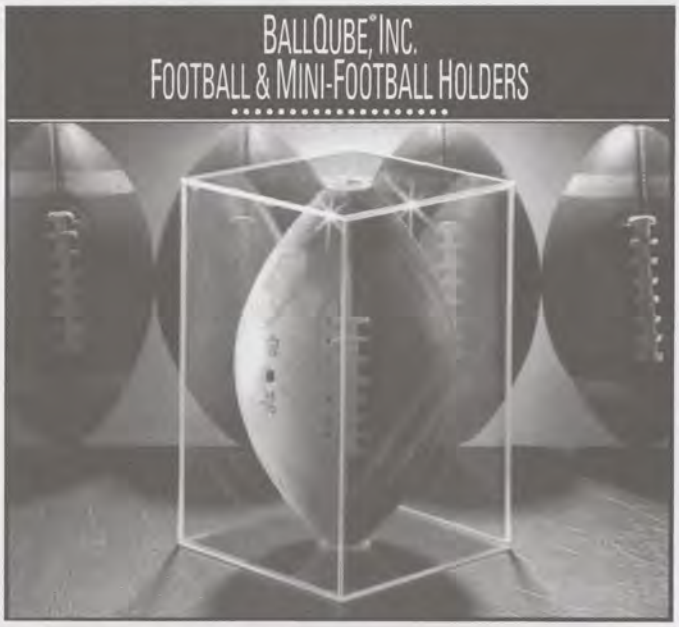
The Vols were rained out on the Friday night excursion, forcing a double header on Saturday, April 4. The Vols opened up the game with a 2-0 lead after the first inning, but could not hold it and lost Game 1 9-3. Game two saw the Vols lead into the seventh 4-2, only to have to use the long ball by Travis Copley and Kurt Keene (two homers in Game 2) to split the double header in winning 7-5.

The final game of the series saw Tennessee lead three different times, only to succumb to the Bulldogs 8-7. The loss dropped the Vols to 24-11, 7-8 SEC.

Tennessee had no time to rest as they had travel dates set with Tennessee Tech at Cookeville, MTSU in Murfreesboro, and then on to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take on the Crimson Tide. All three teams looking to extract some revenge on the Vols.

The Vols will return home for a weekend series with Arkansas April 17-19 at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff



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This Week In Big Orange Country

THREE VOLS CLAIM TITLES

Three members of the Tennessee track and field squad claimed individual titles during competition of the Raleigh Relays hosted by the Wolfpack of North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C., on March 27-28. All three wins came in the field events for the Vols.

East Tennessee native Tim Bell, a freshman for Tennessee, put on a spectacular performance in his first outdoor appearance for the Vols as he took home first place in the high jump with a 7-0 1/2 leap on the first day.

In addition to Bell's top mark, the second title for Tennessee came in the pole vault as Russell Johnson made the his first outdoor appearance of 1998. The junior from Carrollton, Ga., posted a provisional mark of 17-3 in the event.

The third and final event win came in as Chris Morland posted a provisional throw of 235-11 in the javelin competition.

The final day of the Invitational included several top times and marks from the rest of the Volunteers. In the javelin, Phil Carter finished the event in fifth place with his throw of 198-2. Darwin Walker and Wes Boudreau also posted high field marks with finishes of third and fifth with their throws of 55-7 3/4 and 53-2 3/4 in the shot put, respectively.

In the running portion of the meet, the Vols tallied top times in several events. In the 100m dash, freshman Russell Frye continued his successful string of finishes during the indoor season by posting a seventh-place finish in a time of 10.61.

The Tennessee relay corps also put on a show for the spectators as three Vol teams finished with high marks in their respective events. The Vols placed 10th in the 400m Relay with their time of 41.12, placed seventh in the 1600m Relay with a time of 3:12.04, and placed ninth in the 3200m Relay with their time of 7:46.18.

Other notable performances included Chris Hendrix-Buxton's time of 4:00.80 in the 1500m Run. Josh Mears finished behind Hendrix-Buxton with a time of 4:01.04. in the steeplechase, Joe Dickson finished with a time of 10:00.31.

Diondre Jackson finished in second-place with a leap of 6-10 3/4 in the high jump. Also, making his first outdoor mark in 1998 was Tim O'Hare who finished eighth in the pole vault with a mark of 15-3. The Vols' accumulated another second-place finish on the first day in the field events when Scott Perkinson posted a mark of 173-8 in the discus, while teammate Lance Jauron, a freshman from Verdi, Nev., finished in sixth place in the event with a throw of 157-10. The final field event in which the Vols posted a top mark came in the long jump. There, Geno Devane finished with a leap of 22-8.

The running portion of the first day also proved successful for the Vols. Grant Cleghorn posted a 10th-place finish in the 400m Hurdles with a time of 53.22, In the 10,000m Run, the Vols placed three in the Top 20 with Doug Ellington in third with a provisional time of 29:51.28, Chris brown in 13th with a time of 30:46.41 and Bob Dickie in 16th place with a time of 30:52.21. Other Vols in finals action were Adrian Wheatley and Pat Buckheit in the 400m Dash with times of 50.67 and 50.84 respectively.

The Vols next action came in the Sea Ray Relays at Tom Black Track, which took place at the time of us going to press. We will have results in our next issue.

—Chad King

Sea Ray®

On April 8-10, Tom Black Track played host to the 31st annual Sea Ray Relays. Results from the relays will be in our post-Orange & White Issue.

AGE IS NO FACTOR FOR TENNIS' SEIVERLING

Vinny Seiverling is the only lady Vol born in the 1980s. That's right, the 1980s, November 24, 1980, to be exact. As a freshman on the tennis team, Seiverling was 16 when she entered The University of Tennessee, not but a few months after having earned her driver's license. Yet, her age has not been a hindrance in any way.

Seiverling ended up as a 16-year old college freshman for two reasons. First, she skipped kindergarten when she was younger, advancing directly into the first grade to get a head start. Secondly, she graduated a year early from Hershey High School in Hershey, Pa. Since she was already academically advanced enough to surpass her contemporaries in the classroom as well as a two-time state tennis champion on the court, Seiverling doubled up her courses in her junior year and graduated from Hershey High in only three years.

In the history of her school, no one had ever completed their coursework in three years. But Seiverling was ready, and she knew it. Whereas some high school students are complacent about their work, Seiverling was determined and aggressive. In order to finish early, she was required to double-up on some courses and complete others a year ahead of schedule.

Freshman Vinny Seiverling entered Tennessee as a 16-year old in the fall.

She took two years of English in her final year and also challenged herself by taking extra German, science and math classes. Since she had maxed-out her regular classwork, she took Advanced Placement courses to prepare herself for college.She finished with a 4.0 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society, and an honor roll student.

On the court, Seiverling had the experience a large amount of success as well. She had her sights set on winning the state championships and being the top-ranked player in her region's age group. She accomplished both, taking the state title her sophomore and junior years and received the No. 1 ranking in Middle States 1997. As a 14-year old sophomore, she was the youngest player ever to win the Pennsylvania state title.

When she arrived at Tennessee, she set right to work. Knowing her long-term goal of becoming a doctor would take commitment and dedication, Seiverling diligently utilized the same principles of staying ahead that worked for her in high school. She immediately signed up for a full slate of biology, chemistry and calculus classes to help set her on her career path.

She has experienced success by winning matches against players from some of the top teams in the nation and has also been a part of a very successful doubles squad as one of Tennessee's most consistent players. Her biggest challenge came from learning how to balance her time. Since tennis could be as much as a five-hour daily commitment, with an additional four hours of school and four more hours of studying on her schedule, Seiverling has strived to make the best use of her time to accommodate all of her activities. It is the largest adjustment she has had to make from high school, and she is learning to master it as she goes along.

As great as the adjustment must be to a younger-than-normal college freshman, Seiverling has been able to deal with it because of constant reinforcement from her family and her strongly supportive teammates. She talks to her parents almost daily and regularly sees them during their visits to Knoxville to watch her play.

"She came in as a junior and was focused athletically and academically," Coach Patrick said. "Her biggest adjustment was socially. Even at a young age, she is determined and has a fighting spirit which will not allow her to let anything stop her from accomplishing what she wants to get done."

—Brad Laux

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VASF News and Notes

Football Season Tickets

The 1998 season football ticket renewals and new season ticket applications have been mailed. If you have not received your renewal form by April 15, call the ticket office at (423) 656-1200.

For renewing donors, if you are requesting a seating location change, please send a separate note attached to your season ticket renewal form describing the changes requested. Change requests will be considered according to the VASF priority system. The VASF can not guarantee any requests as all changes are contingent upon turnover. Non-donor-based grandfathered seats cannot be changed.

New donors applying for season tickets should order tickets and include a separate note attached to the ticket order form listing any special requests (aisle seat, etc.), as well as listing your top four seating location preferences. If you are ordering more than two tickets, please list your seating preferences (i.e. four together, two pairs, etc.) to help the VASF better seat everyone.

Remember to please adhere to the limits on away game ticket order availability. Away game tickets will be allocated and assigned according to the guidelines mailed to all donors in February of this year.

For those wanting to ship ticket applications via an overnight shipping service so they can be tracked, here is the shipping address: *Tennessee Athletic Ticket Office, Thompson-Boling Arena, Suite 200, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996*

Point System Rankings

The March 1, 1998, rankings used for all 1998 football priority benefits (away game tickets, parking passes, post-season tickets and home seating change requests) are included with all season ticket renewal forms and applications.

Season Football Parking Information

Applications for parking passes will be mailed in early May to donors at the Ridgerunner level and above. Parking will be assigned using the donor's rank in the point system according to the guidelines mailed to all donors in February of this year.

Get Ready For The Orange & White Weekend

The annual spring football game will be held on Saturday, April 18, 1998, at 7 p.m. in Neyland Stadium. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and *edsouth fan day* lasts from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Tennessee baseball team will host Arkansas earlier that day with the first pitch coming at 3 p.m. Tickets for the Orange & White game are general admission and are on sale over the phone with a credit card from the ticket office. Tickets are $3 for adults, $1 for students under 17, and $6 for a family package. You may charge by phone at (423) 656-1200. The ticket office accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover and is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Orange & White Gameday Parking

There will be no reserved parking lots for the annual spring scrimmage game. Pay lots will be available for $3 per car.

Football Not Only Game In Town On That Weekend.

The BaseVols will host Arkansas for an SEC inter-divisional clash on the same weekend. Friday night's game (7 p.m.) on April 17 brings NewsTalk 99/Cellular One floppy hat night. Saturday's game, set to begin at 3 p.m., will be Campus Cutters Fan Day. Sunday's game (slated for a 2 p.m. start), in addition to being Little League Day, will also be a Fazoli's Fan Appreciation Day following the game.

Baseball Single Game Day Ticket Information

The ticket booth at Lindsey Nelson Stadium opens two hours before the first pitch for each home game. Only cash is accepted at the ticket booth. You may charge your tickets in advance and have them waiting for you at Will Call. Call the Ticket Office at (423) 656-1200 for more details. Game-by-game ticket prices are $5 for reserved seats, general admission seats are $3 for adults and $1 for students 17-years-old and under.

Sea Ray Relays Return To Knoxville Easter Weekend

The Sea Ray Relays, a chance for current and former Tennessee track and field athletes to showcase their talents against hi-caliber world competition as well as other SEC schools, will once again be held at Tom Black Track on the Tennessee campus April 8-11. Admission is free. Come out and see the UT men's and women's track and field teams run for the glory before Easter.

Baseball Parking Information

The parking services office would like to remind baseball fans not to park in the F (fraternity) lot located in front of Fraternity Row and behind the first base seats of Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Any S (staff) or C (commuter) lot on campus is available for parking on weekends and after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Little League & Fan Appreciation Sundays

At Lindsey Nelson Stadium, every Sunday is Fazoli's Fan Appreciation Day. Fans will be allowed onto the outfield for autographs and conversations with the Tennessee baseball team immediately following Sunday's games. Also on Sundays, little league baseball players, if they are in their uniforms, will be admitted free into the game to sit in the general admission sections.

Baseball Birthday Parties

This year kids of all ages will have the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in style with Tennessee baseball. Each birthday party includes tickets and beverages for 12. Also included are three large Papa John's pizzas, an autographed baseball for that special birthday boy or girl, a pre-game visit by a Tennessee player or coach, and public address and message board recognition during the game. Each complete birthday party is $80. For more information about this exciting new program, contact the Athletic Marketing & Development Office at (423) 974-1218.

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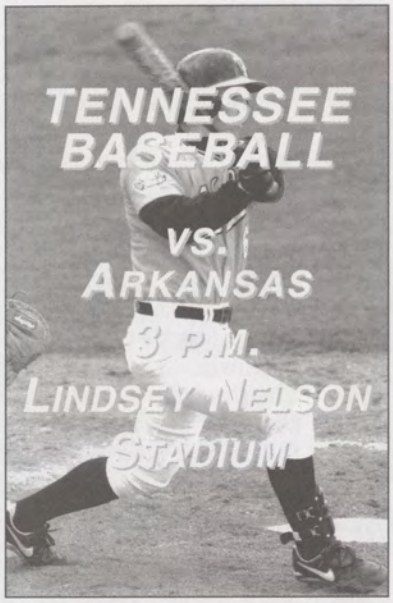

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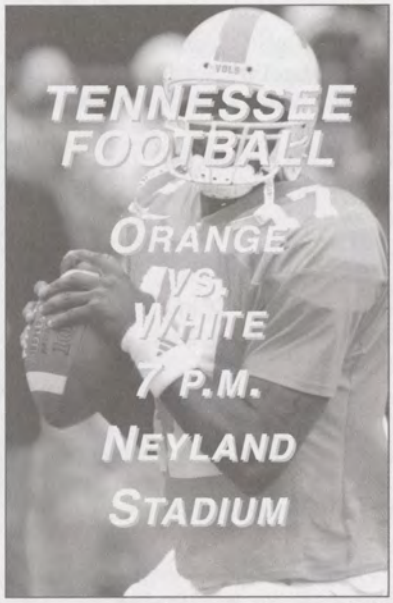

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Aqua Vols Finish 4th...

JEREMY LINN CAPTURES ANOTHER NCAA TITLE!

The Tennessee swimming and diving squad capped off the 1998 campaign with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the best for the Vols since 1979.

Coming off consecutive fifth-place finishes at the national meet, head coach John Trembley led his squad through tough dual-meet and invitational meet schedule to emerge as the nation's fifth-ranked team entering the NCAA Championships in Auburn, Ala. March 26-28.

As expected, senior and captain Jeremy Linn spearheaded the Vol effort. The Harrisburg, Pa. native claimed his third straight individual NCAA title in the 100 breaststroke with a winning time of 53.01, a season best. With his prolific performance, Linn became only the second Vol to win three consecutive championships in the same event. Linn joined UT legend David Edgar, who won both the 50 and 100 freestyle events 1970-72.

Additionally, Linn finished third in the 200 breaststroke and was a vital part of three All-America relay efforts at the meet. Career totals for the 1996 Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist include four individual national championships, two NCAA championship relay titles, two American records, and 17 All-America honors.

On the first day of competition, the Vols took hold of the fourth place position with a total team effort that saw Trembley's charges score in every event in which they entered, a first for a Trembley squad.

The 200 freestyle relay put together a strong performance, finishing in eighth-place in a race that saw eventual national champion Stanford set an American record a set the tone for the meet. Freshman diver Shannon Roy, a native Australian, finished in eighth-place in one-meter diving, kicking off an impressive showing for the Vol diving contingent that also included freshman Gabi Chereches, a native Romanian.

Senior Jeremy Linn (left) sets upon the winners platform at the SEC meet at Auburn University. Linn holds his first place plaque for winning the 100M Breastroke, something he did again during the NCAA Championships also at Auburn.

Day two of the meet proved to be another solid day for the Vols as Linn won the 100 breaststroke and a pair of freshman came through with outstanding efforts.

Chereches finished in fifth in three-meter diving and Michael Gilliam claimed sixth in the 100 backstroke. Gilliam finished the championships with three total All-America honors making him the fifth Gilliam to earn All-America honors UT. Michael joins older brother Craig, who earned his 10th and 11th All-America certificates in 1998, as well as his father, Steve, and two uncles, Marc and Keith.

Tennessee would not be allowed to walk away with their fourth-place trophy unchallenged, as Southern Cal put tremendous pressure on the Vols.

The Trojans entered the final day of competition only three points out of fourth and even led Tennessee by as much as 15 points on the last day. Trembley's men, however, refused to surrender and Linn's third-place finish in the 200 breaststroke turned the tide in the Vols favor.

Sophomore Matt Hall followed with a win in the consolation finals of the 200 butterfly to keep the momentum rolling. Chereches then put the Vol ahead of the Trojans for good with a fourth-place finish off the platform.

The drama was not complete, as both UT and USC were competing in the consolation finals of the 400 freestyle relay. The Vols finished three places ahead of the Trojans to secure the trophy.

The meet was the final collegiate competition for the five Tennessee seniors who qualified for the championships. Captains Craig Gilliam, Linn, Casey Quilter and Shawn McNew and Chris Olafson each contributed to making the 1998 NCAA Championships the best team finish of their career.

In all, Tennessee picked up a total of 23 All-America and 16 honorable mention All-America honors at the 1998 NCAA Championships, and Coach Trembley's best finish at the NCAAs during his tenure at Tennessee.

— Josh Thurman

Hardwood Recap...

VOLS MOST PRODUCTIVE SEASON IN 8 YEARS!

First-year Tennessee head coach Jerry Green led the Vols to their most productive season in over a decade during the 1997-98 campaign. Despite a series of crippling injuries to key players, Green rallied his first Tennessee team to a 20-win season and the school's first NCAA Tournament berth since 1989.

The Vols' 20 victories were the most for a UT team since 1985 and their 9-7 SEC mark was the best for the Vols since 1990.

For his efforts Green was named the co-SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, sharing the award with Kentucky's Tubby Smith.

"I'm elated that this team worked hard enough and accomplished enough to earn a trip to the NCAA Tournament," Green said. "Making the tournament certainly helps to start rebuilding a tradition here."

After getting off to a 10-0 start in non-conference play, the Vols' best in 75 years, Tennessee began the SEC slate with a 1-5 mark following a loss to Kentucky in Knoxville. From there, the Vols reeled off eight wins in the last 10 regular season games, all against league foes.

Included in that stretch were wins over nationally-ranked South Carolina and Arkansas at Knoxville and impressive road victories at Alabama, LSU and Mississippi State.

The Vols headed to Atlanta and the SEC Tournament with a 19-7 mark and the No. 3 seed from the Eastern Division. Following a 73-62 victory over LSU in the tourney's first round, UT secured its first 20-win season since 1985. UT's exciting 102-96 loss to Arkansas in the quarterfinals did not damage the Vols' NCAA Tournament credentials, earning a No. 8 seed in the West Region against a veteran Illinois State team.

Trailing by nine midway in the second half, the Vols characteristically staged yet another comeback. Isiah Victor's rebound basket with 1:13 remaining in regulation gave the Vols a 72-70 lead. But the Redbirds tied the game on their next possession to send the game into overtime. In the extra period, it was game that would be decided by who had the ball last, and unfortunately for the Vols, ISU hit a shot with 1.6 seconds to go to take a 82-81 overtime victory.

Rashard Lee helped elevate the Vol offense averaging 10.3 points a game this season.

The Vols, who return 97 percent of its scoring and 95 percent of its rebounding for next season, should benefit from the NCAA Tournament experience. Tennessee will return all its starters and key reserves that finished the 1998 campaign and should get a boost with the return of 6-10 center Charles Hathaway from illness and incoming freshman Vincent Yarbrough, a consensus prep All-America.

Guards Brandon Wharton (15.2 ppg) and Tony Harris (14.2), along with forward C.J. Black (12.6 ppg), all garnered some All-SEC accolades following the season. Forwards Rashard Lee (10.3 ppg) and Isiah Victor (7.7 ppg) both showed continued improvement throughout the season.

VOL NOTEBOOK

VOLS RETURN TO NCAA TOURNAMENT: Tennessee made it first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1989.

The Vols, the No. 8 seed in the West Region, lost to No. 9 seed Illinois State 82-81 in overtime in the first round.

VOLS WIN 20 FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1984-85 SEASON: Tennessee recorded its first 20-win season in 13 years this season, finishing with a 20-9 mark. Tennessee's 20 wins this season is most for the Big Orange since the 1985 Vols recorded a 22-15 mark. This year's 20-9 slate was also the Vols' first winning season since 1992. UT's 9-7 SEC record was the school's best since recording a 10-8 mark in 1992. This year marks the 15th Tennessee team to register at least 20 victories. The school record for wins is 22 set by the 1977 and 1985 squads.

GREEN NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR BY ASSOCIATED PRESS & USBWA: Tennessee head coach Jerry Green's efforts this season did not go unnoticed.

The first-year UT mentor was named as the SEC's Coach of the Year (along with Kentucky's Tubby Smith) by the Associated Press. He was also named the District IV Coach of the Year by the United State Basketball Writers Association. He is the first Tennessee coach honored by the AP as the league's coach of the year since Don DeVoe won the award in 1982. Green led the Vols to a 20-9 mark and the school's first winning season in six years. The USBWA's District IV covers six states: Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

BEST FIRST-YEAR RECORDS: Jerry Green's first season at UT ranks as one of the most successful in school history. Emmett Lowery recorded a 20-5 (.800) mark during his first year at UT in 1947-48, while Don DeVoe's first Tennessee team had a 21-12 record (.636) in 1979. Green's first UT team finished with a 20-9 record (.690).

HARRIS NAMED SEC NEWCOMER OF YEAR: Tony Harris was named the Associated Press SEC Co-Newcomer of the Year, tying for the award with Georgia Jumaine Jones.

ALL-SEC VOLS: Tennessee landed three players on this year's All-SEC squads voted on by the league's coaches. Sophomore forward C.J. Black was a second-team All-SEC selection, while junior guard Brandon Wharton and freshman guard Tony Harris were third-team selections. In the Associated Press vote, Harris was named second-team All-SEC, while Black was a third-team choice and Wharton garnered honorable mention.

HARRIS/VICTOR NAMED TO ALL-SEC FRESHMAN TEAM: For the first time in school history, Tennessee had two players on the SEC's All-Freshman Team in the same season. Tony Harris and Isiah Victor were

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selected by the league's coaches for spots on the 1998 All-SEC Freshman Team. The selections give the Vols four All-SEC Freshman Team picks in the last four years with Brandon Wharton (1996) and C.J. Black (1997). The SEC began selecting an All-Freshman Team in 1987.

SEC'S FRESHMAN SCORING LEADERS: (1.) Jumaine Jones, UGA - 14.7; (2.) Tony Harris, UT -14.2; (3.) Scott Pohlman, AU -10.6; (4.) Isiah Victor, UT -7.7; (5.) Ben Wright, UF -7.4.

** UT's C.J. Black was the SEC's leading freshman scorer in 1996-97*

NABC HONORS 3 VOLS: The National Association of Basketball Coaches selected three players from UT to its 1998 District VII squad. Brandon Wharton, C.J. Black and Tony Harris were second-team selections to the All-District team.

GREEN NAMED TO SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL: Tennessee's Aaron Green was named to the SEC's Academic Honor Roll for the second consecutive season. Green, a junior guard from Sweetwater, has a 3.05 GPA in history.

WHARTON ENTERS 1000-POINT CLUB: Junior guard Brandon Wharton became the Vols' 31st member of the school's 1000- point club this season and will enter the 1998-99 campaign ranked No. 15 on Tennessee's all-time scoring list with 1261 points. The Nashville native has also moved to second on UT's all-time three-point list with 176 treys. Wharton is just 195 points away from entering the top 10 on UT's all-time scoring list.

UT'S ALL-TIME 3PT FG LIST: (1.) Allan Houston (1989-93) - 346*; (2.) BRANDON WHARTON (1995-pres) - 176; (3.) Greg Bell (1987-91) - 171; (4.) Lang Wiseman (1989-93) - 152;

** SEC's all-time leader*

BLACK SETS UT BLOCK RECORD: C.J. Black set UT's single-season blocked shot record with 73 this season. He led the SEC (2.5) and ranked 14th in the final NCAA statistics. He currently stands No. 6 on the Vols' all-time blocked shot list with 111 after only two seasons. He blocked a career-high five shots in the Vols' win over LSU in the SEC Tournament. Reggie Johnson currently holds the UT career record with 151 blocks.

The Vols look forward to the return of Hathaway after an injury sidelined the talented sophomore for the season.

UT'S ALL-TIME BLOCKED SHOT LIST: (1.) Reggie Johnson (1976-80) 151 (2.) Doug Roth (1985-89) 146 (3.) Dyron Nix (1985-89) 142 (4.) Steve Hamer (1992-96) 122 (5.) Rob Jones (1982-86) 112 (6.) C.J. BLACK (1996-PRES.) 111.

DOUBLE TROUBLE FROM BLACK: C.J. Black led the Vols last season with five double-doubles. He will enter his junior campaign with nine double-doubles for his career after leading all league freshmen in 1997 with four.

BLACK'S '98 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

@Florida	22pts	10 reb
OLE MISS	15pts	13 reb
@Kentucky	19pts	12 reb
ARKANSAS	17pts	11 reb
VANDERBILT	14pts	10 reb

LEE BLOSSOMS: Rashard Lee was one of the SEC's most improved players during the 1997-98 campaign. Lee, a junior from Durham, N.C., ranked fourth on the team in scoring (10.3) and was third on the club in rebounding, pulling down 5.3 rebounds per game. He scored double figures in 17 games, including 15 of the last 19. Following a 26-point effort against Vanderbilt in February, Lee was named the SEC's Player of the Week. As the season went along, Lee became a consistent three-point threat, hitting 33 treys for the season and hitting 42 percent from long range. As a sophomore, Lee averaged just 4.0 points and 3.8 rebounds. He was 0-2 from three-point range in 1996-97.

VICTOR: TOUGH IN POSTSEASON TOURNEY TIME: Isiah Victor turned up his game during the postseason, averaging 9.3 points and 7.0 rebounds, while hitting 83.3 percent (10-of-13) from the field in the Vols' three postseason games. Victor, who named to the SEC's All-Freshman team, recorded his first career double-double against LSU in the SEC Tournament, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against the Tigers.

Victor finished the season ranked fifth among SEC freshmen in scoring (7.7), third in rebounding (5.5) and third in blocked shots (1.0).

BEST START IN 75 YEARS: Tennessee began the season with a 10-0 mark, its best since the 1922-23 Vols began the year with a 14-0 mark. The Vols' 10-0 start to the 1997-98 season was also the third-best in UT history. Only the 1923 Vols and the 1915-16 team (12- 0) started a season better than this year's team.

UNDEFEATED IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY: Tennessee's 10-0 start was against non-conference opponents, marking the first time since the 1982-83 season that the Vols went unbeaten in regular season non- league play. The 1983 Volunteers recorded an 8-0 mark outside the SEC during the regular season. UT's only loss outside the league was an 82-81 overtime defeat to Illinois State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

BEST SEASON AT TBA: Tennessee had its best season at Thompson-Boling Arena this year, recording a 14-2 (.875) home mark. UT's previous best seasons at TBA were 13-3 slates (.813) in 1988 and 1992. The Vols began the season with eight straight home victories--the longest win streak for the Vols in Thompson-Boling Arena in 11 seasons there. UT finished 6- 2 at home in SEC play. The Vols averaged 15,372 per game in attendance in 1998. In eight SEC games, the Vols averaged 17,140 after drawing 41,221 the last two home games against Vanderbilt (21,111) and Florida (19,110).

BALANCED SCORING: Tennessee finished the season with four players averaging double-figure point totals during the 1997-98 campaign. Brandon Wharton (15.2), Tony Harris (14.2), C.J. Black (12.6) and Rashard Lee (10.3) each averaged double figures this season.

VOLS SET BLOCKED SHOT RECORD: Tennessee's 174 blocked shots during the 1997-98 season set a UT single-season record. The 1989 Vols held the record previously with 133 blocks in 30 games. UT finished second in the SEC in blocked shots for the 1998 season, averaging 6.0 per game. Kentucky's 6.2 per outing led the

INJURY BUG: Tennessee had a rash of injuries during the 1997-98 season. By mid-December, the Vols had lost two starters in Charles Hathaway (blood clot-shoulder) and DaShay Jones (knee-ACL) for the year. For the season, five players missed a total of 64 games.

1997-98 MISSING IN ACTION

Charles Hathaway *(blood clot) Games missed: 24. ** Out for season*

DaShay Jones* (knee) Games missed: 22. ** Out for season*

Vegas Davis (knee) Games missed 11.

Aaron Green (foot) Games missed: 5.

Tony Harris (stress frac.-femur) Games missed: 2.

—David Grim

The Last Word...

JOHN WARD RECEIVES "LINDSEY NELSON AWARD!"

As we have cheered the accomplishments of Peyton Manning, Pat Summitt, Chamique Holdsclaw and Jeremy Linn, it is appropriate that we also step back and remember two men who have chronicled the accomplishments of UT student-athletes over the years.

We pay tribute to the broadcasting careers of Lindsey Nelson, a UT graduate, class of 1941, and to the career of John Ward, a UT graduate, class of 1953, with the presentation of the first annual Lindsey Nelson Collegiate Broadcaster of the Year Award. The award was made April 17 in Knoxville.

The award is due to the efforts of the Knoxville Quarterback Club in honoring the memory of Lindsey Nelson much the way they did when they first presented the Robert R. Neyland Memorial Award in Gen. Neyland's memory back in 1967.

In many ways, Lindsey Nelson and John Ward are kindred spirits. Both had dreams of what could be in the broadcasting business and both saw their dreams become reality. Lindsey Nelson founded the Vol Network in the 1940s and went from there to one of the most illustrious careers in the history of sports broadcasting, from the Liberty Broadcasting Network, to NBC, to the New York Mets, to the taped replays of Notre Dame football. You name the sport and Lindsey Nelson very likely was part of a radio or television broadcast. But he never forgot his Tennessee roots.

I never knew Lindsey Nelson personally until the last few years of his life, but like most of my generation I fondly remember his broadcasts. The man I will remember is one who made sports journalism an art form, a man who brought the story of sports into living rooms across the country with a mellow Middle Tennessee baritone that became one of the most recognizable voices in sports.

John Ward started calling University of Tennessee basketball play-by-play in 1964-65 and took over broadcasting Vol football with Bill Anderson in 1968. He has also moderated coaches shows for football and basketball coaches ever since, including the "Doug Dickey Show," in the mid to late 1960s. It is typical of John that many of the people who have been a part of the Vol network were at the ceremonies as his guests.

Vol broadcaster John Ward is the first winner of the Lindsey Nelson Collegiate Broadcaster of the Year Award, presented by the Knoxville Quarterback Club.

I remember hearing Vol coaches recall that when they did their shows, sometimes in the early hours of Sunday morning after football games, that John had everything under control. The show started on time, finished on time and all the coaches had to do was show up.

From the beginning, John Ward was an asset to everyone he dealt with. He was a friend and a mentor. He was a trailblazer who saw the potential of radio and television for promoting University of Tennessee athletics. Every coach needs a John Ward on his side.

The Vol Network is now one of the nation's largest and reflects the legacy and dreams of Lindsey Nelson and John Ward.

Lindsey Nelson Stadium stands on our campus as a tribute to the life and career of Lindsey Nelson. The John Ward Broadcast Center in Neyland Stadium stands in tribute to the life and career of John Ward. But there's more to the influence of these two men than mere bricks and mortar.

John Ward would tell you of the influence Lindsey Nelson had on his career. Young broadcasters today will also tell you of the influence of John Ward on their careers. Both were demanding when it came to the quality of their broadcasts. They expected a lot from the people who worked for them. They expected a lot from themselves. The bottom line is that they did the job and did it well.

We say thanks for Lindsey Nelson's life and influence on us all. There's no better way to measure the impact of a sports journalist or a man, for that matter, than to measure the impact of his work against the high standards set by Lindsey Nelson.

We also say thanks to John Ward, for his efforts on our behalf. He has also created a standard of excellence for broadcasters to follow in the years to come.

This is a unique time in the history of the University of Tennessee. This is a time we honor two of our finest, Lindsey Nelson and John Ward. When the historians look back at this time in our history, they will tell us the story of men who were trailblazers, who were there when it all happened, who told the story of the University of Tennessee's finest moments on and off the field.

When you sum it all up, it leads to one inescapable conclusion. John Ward and Lindsey Nelson are truly Tennessee treasures, truly men who have done the University of Tennessee proud. Tennessee fans, wherever they are, are proud to honor their legacy and influence on the University of Tennessee.

—Tom Mattingly

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